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~~THE PALACE~~
Madras.
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(16) To P:1-A

My dear brother,

Many thanks for your letter & the enclosures sent herein. I have gone through "Chief's" note & have on a separate paper made my remarks which I am sending you. I hope the atmosphere will be cleared by a frank exchange of thoughts & in the matter of that "Chief" will not be in a hypersensitive mood and fail to see the unreasonableness of things.

Glasgerick landed his troops yesterday & went to Delhi at Lafan di Sikhs this morning. He showed 6 troops which Hessimore had asked him to ship for us.

THE PALACE

Madras has been unusually cool this year. Enjoying my rides & walks on the marina. I mean to begin Sen-bathing this week. The Yogi duel has not yet turned up. I am having quite a peaceful time. Mest. K.D. & Dr. Ranjunder Row glen. Mr. Benerji looked in here yesterday on his way back from Calcutta.

I am glad to hear, brother is doing better. I hope the treatment has done her some good. I read about the Science Congress & the "St. Louis". I don't know if I shall run up to Bombay for a week-end during the pigeons Race short journey & upset Thursday's Sudden

plunge from heat to cold maybe bad for me. Hot

Hot Love & am delighted about the lain. in S. India. Feeling Hot why not come here for a change.

Constable is very well & has not given much trouble yet. Rayl ones three he had quietly slept off to the bazaars.

No more news for the present.

Yours affectionately brother

R.N.S. Wadiyar

My first impressions of them are rather disappointing. Rough Rig have been landed in fairly good condition. (1). Here is a bay thick. set 15. Land pair which I think is a very well matched one. (2). A Sleigh bay buggy horse which Glasscock praises. (3). A Chestnut Lack. about 15 hands. rather the stamp of prince. Charming he had. He is a lengthy horse. (4). A big bay mare - Madam Pelham Lack. looking from behind. Rather good rein & Shoulders. (5). An ugly Small Black pony. 14.2. perhaps. with a poor Shoulders & quarters. perhaps Welsh galop. Here are my first impressions. I must see them again & give you a more correct idea of them. They may I think remain here for a week or ten days when sent for.

habits & methods of work. Nothing is further from my thoughts than to cause embarrassment to you & to make you feel that you are not trusted by me. The only thing that I ask you to remember is that there can be only one Supreme authority in the State, & that shall be mine. Whenever we differ – which happily happens rarely – my opinion should prevail if after due consideration I so decide it. There ought to be a clear understanding on this point.

If notwithstanding all that I have stated, you still feel dissatisfied with your position here, I can only express my deep regret, & leave you to decide as you think best in your own interests. Personally, I shall be exceedingly sorry to part with you for I have been looking forward to many years of close association with you. I never desired nor do I now desire a change in the Dewanship, and nothing could give me greater satisfaction than your continuance in office, as long as health & strength are vouchsafed to you.

In conclusion let me ask you not to be in a hurry to give me a reply. Take your own time & think carefully over the matter for some days & then let me know what conclusions you have arrived at.

Dear Mr. S.
I am glad to hear of his wish to see me
at Bangalore after
the 17th

THE PALACE,
BANGALORE.

I am sorry that you should have felt it necessary to present a typed memorandum of this nature to me. Still knowing that you mean well and realising perfectly the spirit animating you, I have no objection to discussing it with you. I am anxious, as I have always been, not to add to your difficulties in any way & you may rest assured that I am ever ready to do all I can to keep your mind at ease. As far as I can see, the grievances that you refer to in the memorandum come under three heads:–

(1) Against my Secretaries

(2) " the System of transacting business between you & this office

(3) Against Myself.

As for (1) I think you may ask them yourself what they have got to say on their side. It seems to me there is a Considerable amount of misunderstanding between you which I have no doubt would be cleared by a free and frank discussion. Of course you will understand that it is impossible for me to prevent them from holding their own opinions on any public question and all that I or any reasonable man can expect to do is to ask them not to express their opinions publicly when they are in Conflict with the policy or intentions of Govt. I feel every Confidence that they will loyally abide by my wishes.

I feel quite sure that you are mistaken in Supposing that they have ever made insinuations against you their letters - / they are incapable of doing Such a thing. Nor Can I believe that they have deliberately treated you with Scant Courtesy. If you wish to press this point and are able to quote any instance of want of Courtesy in their part I am perfectly ready to look into the matter. It is difficult for me to deal with a general accusation Such as you make.

(2) With regard to the System of transacting business between my office & yours, while I think the System is on the whole the best that Could be devised, I have no objection to the procedure which you Suggest in the memorandum. As a matter of fact most of the changes which you Suggest are being actually observed in practice.

(3) Lastly with regard to the Complaints that you make against my own attitude towards you, all that I can Say is that I am too old now to alter my